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SENATE LEGISLATION

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SB-06S-1972 : Title VI – Explanation and Role of Committees

- 2 Whereas: The Student Government of the University of North Florida was established to represent
3 student concerns in all University wide matters, and;
- 4 Whereas: The Student Senate is the legislative body of the University of North Florida’s Student
5 Government, given the responsibility of carrying out such legislative acts that are necessary
6 and proper for the Student Body of the University of North Florida;
- 7 Whereas: Legislation dealing with necessary and proper statutory revisions shall be considered by the
8 Student Senate;
- 9 Whereas: Title VI is need of revision;
- 10 Whereas: There is currently no explanation outlining the role of the Elections, Selections &
11 Appointments Committee (ESAC), nor the ESAC Chairman, nor the ESAC Vice-chairman;
- 12 Whereas: The following revisions will be made to Title VI:

Chapter 601 ~~Elections Supervisor and Elections Commission~~ Entities

601.1 The Elections, Selections & Appointments Committee (ESAC)

- 17 A. The Elections, Selections & Appointments Committee is one of four (4)
18 standing committees of the Student Senate. ESAC is responsible for
19 recommending the appointment of students to Senate and to ensure the
20 functionality and legality of the Election Code.
- 22 B. ESAC shall consist of no more than eleven (11) active Senators, including the
23 ESAC Chairman and an ESAC Vice-Chairman. All voting members of the
24 committee will be elected or appointed senators including the Vice- Chairman.
- 26 C. All student requests for appointment to the Senate shall be heard first by the
27 ESAC. If approved, the request shall be forwarded to the Senate.

601.2 Duties of the ESAC Chairman

- 32 A. The Senate shall elect an active Senator as Chairman of the Elections
33 Selections & Appointments Committee, each spring and fall for a term of six
34 (6) months.

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B. The ESAC Chairman shall follow all duties outlined in Senate Policies and Procedures and this Title.

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C. The ESAC Chairman shall call and set the agenda for meetings of the Elections, Selections and Appointment Committee and submit minutes following each meeting.

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D. During meetings, the ESAC Chairman shall recognize qualified students who are seeking appointment to the Student Senate.

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E. The ESAC Chairman shall display an accurate list of all active elected and appointed senators.

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F. The ESAC Chairman shall maintain an accurate list of active senators' contact information. Upon making revisions to the contact list, it is the Chairman's responsibility to forward copies to the Senate President, Senate President Pro-Tempore, Committee Chairmen, and Senate Secretary.

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G. Shall, with the assistance of the ESAC, begin organizing and preparing for the next regularly scheduled General and Inter-College Elections.

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601.3 Duties of the ESAC Vice-Chairman

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A. The ESAC Vice-Chairman shall follow all duties outlined in Senate Policies and Procedures.

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B. The ESAC Vice-Chairman, if not a candidate in a given election, shall also serve as the acting Vice-Chairman to the Elections Commission; otherwise a new non-candidate shall be chosen by the Elections Supervisor to serve as EC Vice-Chairman. The EC Vice-Chairman shall assume all designated responsibilities expressed herein and as outlined in Senate Policies and Procedures.

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601.4 Duties of the Elections Supervisor

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~~601.4~~ The acting Chairman of the Elections, Selections and & Appointment Committee will serve as the Elections Supervisor and shall ~~have~~ assume the following powers, and duties and responsibilities once during the election cycle has commenced:

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2 Whereas: Items A and B of the Elections Supervisor's duties, which originally occurred
3 lower in the list, shall be revised and moved to the top of the list, continuing with
4 the others as follows:
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6 C. Call and set the agenda for meetings of the ~~Elections, Selections and~~
7 ~~Appointment Committee~~ Elections Commission and submit minutes
8 following each meeting.

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10 D. ~~Refer all alleged violations of the Elections Statutes to the Attorney~~
11 ~~General or designated replacement in accordance to this statute.~~

12 Inform the Attorney General, or designated replacement in
13 accordance with this Title, of all alleged violations of the Election
14 Code.

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17 E. Interpret, with the advice of the Student Government Attorney
18 General, any part of the Student Government Election ~~Statutes~~
19 Code;

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21 F. ~~Compile~~ Revise the Campaign Guidelines Document;

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23 1. The Campaign Guidelines Document ~~exist~~ is derived separately from
24 ~~this Title~~ the Election Code, and is designed to inform prospective
25 candidates of university and university-related regulations relevant to
26 campaigning.

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28 2. Based on the severity of the offense, violations of the Campaign
29 Guidelines Document and/or the Election Code shall be subject to
30 punishment by the ~~university~~ Elections Commission or respective
31 university department.

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33 G. ~~Invalidate votes~~ ballots cast by members of the electorate that are
34 contrary to the Student Government Statutes Election Code, pending
35 approval of the Elections Commission.

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37 H. ~~Issue Certificates of Election to each officer elected in accordance~~
38 ~~with this Statute, which must be signed by the SG President and the~~

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- I. Publish adequate information concerning elections in the official campus newspaper, and, beginning two (2) weeks prior to the election, publicize its date, time, location of the voting booths, candidates and appropriate procedures for voting. After the election, the Elections Supervisor will publish results in a paper of general campus circulation the official campus newspaper.

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- M. Shall ensure that all absentee ballots submitted and awaiting tabulation are secure from damage, loss, theft, or alteration.

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- N. Issue Certificates of Election to each officer elected in accordance with this Statute Title, which must be signed by the SG acting Student Body President and the Elections Supervisor.

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- Ø A. Form and preside over the Elections Commission (EC), assuming an unbiased role in all cases. The Elections Commission must meet at least once during the two (2) weeks prior to the election; and see all complaints to invalidate on the business day following the close of the election.

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- P B. Appoint a collection of nonpartisan poll workers from within Senate and train these poll workers in their responsibilities and duties in the operation of the polls.

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- R. ~~To maintain an accurate list of active senators' contact information. Upon making revisions to the contact list, it is the Chairman's responsibility to forward copies to the Senate President, Senate President Pro Tempore, Committee Chairmen, and Senate Secretary.~~

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601.5 Role & Duties of the Elections Commission (EC)

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604.2 The Elections Commission shall be composed of the following people who will play the following roles in the EC:

A. The Attorney General shall assume the role of prosecutor in all cases pertaining to specific campaign violations. The accused student candidate(s) will be responsible for his or her own defense. In disputes between two (2) or more candidates, each candidate will represent themselves before the committee Elections Commission.

D. The membership of the ESAC who are not candidates and any other senators not affiliated with campaigning who wish to participate actively participate with the commission shall be unbiased and aware of all policies and procedures surrounding the election. Each member shall have one (1) vote in all decisions made by the commission.

E. All members are responsible for enforcing all rules and procedures outlined herein and all other rules/laws applicable to the candidates. Violations must be reported to the Elections Supervisor immediately. Formally written violations submitted to the Elections Supervisor by a member of the Elections Commission will result in that member abstaining from all votes pertaining to said violation during the EC hearings.

G. The Elections Supervisor shall vote only in the case of a tie among the committee commission.

26 **Therefore:** Let it be enacted, by the University of North Florida Student Senate that the July 1, 2006
27 effective date be overridden so that these proposed revisions are made into Title VI of the
28 Student Government Statutes as soon as possible.

Senate Action

Respectfully Submitted: Sen. Alexander Kobay

Introduced by: Senator Alexander Kobay

Senate Action: 27-00-01

Date: February 13, 2006

Signed, **Stephen K. Horne**

Stephen Horne, Student Senate President

Executive Action

Let it be known that SB-06S-1972 is hereby

PASSED / VETOED / LINE-ITEM VETOED

on this 27 day of Feb., 2006.

Signed, **Thomas J. Foran III**

Tom Foran, Student Body President